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NOAA TO SPONSOR WAIKIKI SUNSET ON THE BEACH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT HAWAIIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is partnering with the Waikiki Improvement Association to co-sponsor Sunset on the Beach, an outdoor family event, at Queens Beach, Waikiki, 5 to 7 p.m., March 24-25. Sunset on the Beach will feature musical entertainment, a popular movie, and educational activities each night. It is free and open to the public.

NOAA is hosting this event as part of the agency's year-long celebration to commemorate its 200 years of science, service and stewardship to the nation.

"It all started in 1807 with President Thomas Jefferson's vision to support his fledgling nation's economy by ensuring safe maritime commerce. He accomplished this by creating the Survey of the Coast, the first federal science agency and precursor to NOAA's navigation services," said Rear Admiral Samuel De Bow, Jr., Director, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps and Director, NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. "We take pride in our scientific heritage and I invite you to learn more about NOAA science by visiting the NOAA tents during Sunset on the Beach and the Great Hawaiian Folklife Festival."

Hawaii Girl Scouts will help NOAA volunteers at Sunset on the Beach provide information and oversee games and crafts designed to promote ocean awareness, family disaster preparedness, and environmental stewardship.

NOAA's participation in the Great Hawaiian Folklife Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 24-25, at Kapiolani Park, recognizes the important role Hawaiian culture has played in preserving natural resources. The NOAA tent will showcase NOAA products and services available to the public in Hawaii and the Pacific. Booths will also feature games and activities for the keiki, free handout materials and educational items. NOAA scientists and program managers will be available to answer questions.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts, and protects.

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On the Web:
NOAA 200th Celebration: <http://celebrating200years.noaa.gov>